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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...could concoct, I will still dominate this Legislature and I'll make you sorry because you will legislate by cloture. But the reason I think this bill...this change should go back to the Rules Committee is that there was not the opportunity for others to review it, to discuss it and offer input, so that is the motion. And if you have any questions of me for clarification that I may not have given, I will answer any question put to me.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating the motion to recommit. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess in the first substantive discussion we have we ought to clear away some of the debris from the interim. I have said on the floor before and I have said in any time I've been asked publicly, and I'm going to say it again and then explain why, and I've said it to Senator Chambers more than once, Senator Chambers does not run the Legislature of which I'm a member. He may run the one you're a member of; he doesn't run the one I'm a member of. And I am not willing to artificially and insubstantially alter rules to achieve absolutely nothing. I'm not saying I'm opposed to these rules, yet, I assume we're going to have a substantive debate--three hours, eight hours--but I want to raise some issues. We do ourselves and the people whom we serve a disservice by not saying it as it is and telling the truth. The reason we do not, as some of you, or some of you know that I have proposed previously, I am one of those who would not have a 33 vote requirement for anything. I, in fact, am one of those who would favor...I can live with what the majority of this body does at any time and I have, in fact, proposed methodologies by which a majority of this body can rule itself for and on behalf of the people, and we have not wanted to. And when I ask those who were kind enough, and I appreciate it, and collegial enough to communicate me...with me about this, and I said, what happened to reducing the count, the votes aren't there. People don't want to do away with 33. People don't want to do away with 30 vote requirements. Fine. Tell the people the truth.